

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 7th June 2015

Echo Ireland - June 2015

The June issue of Echo Ireland includes the society's Committee Report and Financial Statements for 2014, along with a report and photos of the AGM and Rally in Kilkenny.

The newsletter also has plenty of news from the clubs around the country. There is a write-up on the award station in Ballybunion run by the Kerry Amateur Radio Group as part of International Marconi Day. Other clubs and groups featured include Shannon Basin, Dundalk, Cork, West Tyrone, Tipperary, Lough Erne and South Dublin.

The story of our 2-metre Transatlantic Beacon EI2DKH is told by Tony EI8JK who built and operates the beacon from his QTH at Sheeps Head, Cork. Staying with Cork, Ger EI5KF relates how he has ended up with an antenna on wheels. In an article on using macros in digital modes, Hugh EI9KF shares his experience of setting up and using macros for modes such as PSK31 and RTTY and explains how the content of macros for modes needs to be varied, depending on which mode is being used.

Radio amateurs are always interested in propagation and should be interested therefore in the description by Andreas EI8HH of the very unusual propagation modes of Aircraft Scatter and ISS Bounce. Propagation is also a topic covered in the "HF Happenings" column from Anthony EI2KC, in which he mentions his experiments with "skew path" propagation. All this, and plenty more, in June's Echo Ireland which is currently being mailed to members.

Contest Results

Results for the 40 Metres Counties Contest held during May have been published and are now available on the IRTS web site. Based on the logs submitted, 28 of the 32 counties were active during this contest, the elusive counties being Laois, Offaly, Leitrim and Wicklow.

See www.irts.ie/results for the full results, and congratulations to the section winners - Pat EI9HX, Ron GW4EVX, Tipperary Amateur Radio Group EI7T and Niall EI4CF.

South Dublin Radio Club

At the meeting on Tuesday next, 9th June, Paul EI5KI will talk about his home-brew construction projects. South Dublin Radio Club meets every Tuesday at 8.00pm at the Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham and visitors are always welcome.

2m Nets

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater.

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

DX News

Three members of the newly founded Alborz Radio Club (EP3MIR, EP2LMA and EP2LSH) will be active as EP2C on 7 June. They will be operating field day style and are using this opportunity to increase their on-air skills and pile-up techniques. QSL Manager is ON4AMX.

A group of 4 US amateurs will operate as VP2MKV from Montserrat from 10th to 18th June. They will be active on all bands 80 – 2m on SSB, CW and RTTY. QSLs go to N0KV

Chris F4WBN has returned to the Niger Republic and is QRV as 5U5U. Look for him until 16th June on 40 – 6m, mainly SSB with some RTTY. QSL via his home call.

Special event station TM24H is on the air again this year until 14th June in connection with the Le Mans 24-hour sports car race. The race itself takes place over the weekend 14th to 15th June. QSL manager for TM24H is F6KFI.

IRTS Technical Panel

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. Their aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

You are asked to provide as much information as possible, including details of attempts already made to deal with the issue in question. Currently, we are assembling a panel of experts on all the topics likely to arise. We need more volunteers; if you can help, please send your details and questions to [irtstech /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irtstech@irts.ie).

Join IRTS

You can become a member of IRTS at www.irts.ie/join It's also easy to renew your membership at www.irts.ie/renew A free sample copy of Echo Ireland is available to download.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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